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I am writing to state my opposition to the proposed rule change for discipline and incapacity. I believe that professionalizing the discipline process by the appointment of paid judges will result in an unbalanced forum. We litigate dozens of disciplinary matters each year involving other agencies, and we have seen that judges employed directly by the agencies who bring the allegations are never neutral. I also believe that the rules should contain opportunities for redemption and second chances. Changing that possibility serves no one. Further, I have concerns that the changes impact the due process of proceedings. And, I would like to see an examination of the likely impact of these changes on attorneys who are solo or working in small firms: I believe they are disproportionately impacted by the disciplinary process as it is.

I would like to see a more open discussion of this matter so that the voices of those impacted can be more adequately heard.

Sincerely,

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