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Office Receptionist Clerk:

Please convey my comments regarding the proposed changes to RPC 1.4.:

I do not think that this rule change will have any positive effect on the delivery of legal services to the public. Having to use such messages before engaging in representation of a client or to advise existing clients that they have to sign this document. It is nothing more than a Scarlet Letter suggesting that even having to do this there is something wrong with the attorney, or the competency, honesty or any other desirable character of the legal counsel. My asking existing clients and other about whether they would hire any attorney when they are faced with this information that they are going to be damaged or hurt by the representation. The consequence will be that good and responsible attorney, primarily those is solo practice as myself, will have to retire, quit the practice or fork over large sums of money to the insurance industry which has been driving this message all along. Force all to carry insurance. When that takes place there will be no control over rates or terms of insurance. For myself, I have a very small practice that earns a little to pay the rent and expenses with the difference being made up by my social security funds I receive each month if the revenues are down. I simply cannot afford to pay thousands of dollars for insurance. One client said the rule puts a target on the back of the attorney. And as I stated at the outset. It is no more than having to wear a scarlet letter for the public to see.

Sincerely,

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