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**RE: Order Number 25700-A-1372: Proposed Amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 8.4 Misconduct**

Dear Ms. Lennon:

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed amendments to the Rules of Professional Conduct (RPC) 8.4, Misconduct. We support the proposed amendments that would clarify the standards of conduct to which attorneys and judges are held to include non-discrimination on the basis of gender identity and expression. We wholeheartedly agree that it is misconduct for an attorney to discriminate against anyone on the basis of gender expression or gender identity and these terms should be added to the list in RPC 8.4 to clarify and enforce this. As with a number of the rule changes under current consideration, we support efforts to make the legal profession more inclusive and less biased with the goal of providing justice in its truest sense for all.

Thank you for considering our comments.

Sincerely,

BOB FERGUSON  
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Ms. Lennon,

Attached are ten letters regarding the various proposed rules published for comment.

Thank you,

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