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Carolyn A. Koegler, Advisory Committee on Rules
New Hampshire Supreme Court
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Concord, NH 03301
Via email: CKoegler@courts.state.nh.us

Re: Proposed NH Rule of Professional Conduct 8.4(g) (#2016-009)

Dear Ms. Koegler,

This is to express my opinion **against** the adoption of the proposed rule of professional conduct referenced above.

First, the need for such a rule has not been established.

Second, the proposed rule restricts free speech rights in such a way that it is probably unenforceable.

Third, not every ill, real or perceived, can be remediated by creating more rules and regulations.

Fourth, the unintended consequences of attempts to enforce this proposed rule will potentially do far more harm to the legal profession and its members than any well-intended benefits.

Fifth, in an attempt to protect the rights and beliefs of certain classes, the proposed rule impinges, I believe illegally and over broadly, on the rights of other members of the profession including those with strongly held traditional religious beliefs.

Thank you for your consideration,

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