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**Re: Amendments to Model Rules of Professional Conduct Concerning Lawyers' Client Due Diligence Obligations**

Ms. Vera:

I am the President of the Association of Professional Responsibility Lawyers ("APRL"). APRL is a non-profit organization comprised of more than 400 members who are interested in lawyers' professional responsibility, legal ethics, legal malpractice, and the evolving law of lawyering. The great majority of APRL members provide advice to lawyers on legal ethics issues, defend lawyers in discipline matters or civil malpractice cases, act as expert witnesses, teach professional responsibility courses in law schools, or perform ethics-related functions in law firms.

APRL endorses the revision to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct proposed in the January 23, 2023, memorandum of the ABA Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility and Standing Committee on Professional Regulation. APRL applauds the care with which the two Committees have crafted their proposal to clarify a lawyer's client intake obligations to ensure the lawyer's services are not being used to facilitate money laundering crimes.

Very truly yours,

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President, 2022-23

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