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To the Party Concerned:

I write in express opposition to proposed changes to MRPC 1.5 intended to restrict referral fees to 25% of the amount recovered.

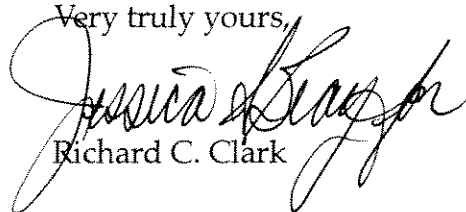
I have been a plaintiff personal injury lawyer in Michigan for 35 years. Referral fees let me send clients to attorneys I know can represent them well in areas outside of my practice. Referral fees are an important part of a small practice in Michigan's Upper Peninsula.

The proposed changes to MRPC 1.5 violate fundamental rights of contract existing between attorneys. This is an arm's length transaction among highly educated professionals. This situation in my view does not require an arbitrary limitation.

I appreciate the Supreme Court's consideration of my comments in this matter.

Thank you for your kind attention in this matter.

Very truly yours,



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