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Comment:

The proposed revision to MRPC 6.5 should be rejected. It will cause unnecessary confusion and complaints, it will be chilling for the profession, and it is unconstitutional.

The current 6.5 is sufficient -- if it is changed, the question will be: what new is added? And since the proposed language is both vague and overbroad, the answer to that question will be elusive and may vary. The ABA comment 4 to the model for this --ABA 8.4 (g)-- cites "social activities in connection with the practice of law." What does that include?

And what does "bias, prejudice, and harassment" include -- a lawyer's opinions or remarks on controversial topics- or even ad hominem remarks that are disfavored by the bar or offensive to the listener? I suggest this rule would clearly have a "chilling" effect on the freedom of expression for lawyers. Furthermore, the proposal is blatantly unconstitional as its drafters should know. See Matal v. Tam, 582 US 218 (2017) and lancu v. Brunetti 588 US 388(2019)