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on Professional Responsibility

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Dear Mr. Rothmann:

Thank you very much for your thoughtful letter and for your attention to the critically important issues it describes. In 2016, the American Bar Association added paragraph 8.4(g) to the Model Rules of Professional Conduct—barring race, sex, and other forms of harassment and discrimination in connection with the practice of law. More recently, the Illinois Supreme Court Committee on Professional Responsibility has received a number of proposals addressing these same, vital issues.

In step with the suggestion in your letter, at its next meeting our Committee will vote on a plan to create a subcommittee dedicated to studying these proposals and suggesting possible revisions to the Illinois rules. Discrimination and harassment have no place in our profession or any other, I am hopeful that the subcommittee will be at work in very short order, and I look forward to reporting on its progress.

Sincerely,



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cc: Chief Justice Lloyd A. Karmeier, Illinois Supreme Court
Justice Anne M. Burke, Illinois Supreme Court