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To: AO Code and Conduct Rules

Subject: Proposed Changes to Code of Conduct for U.S. Judges and Judicial Conduct and Disability Rules

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Dear Judicial Conference committees,

I would like to put in a word of support for the proposed changes to the Codes of Conduct and Judicial Conduct and Disability. In light of recent events it has become critically obvious that the conduct of our judges at all levels including the Supreme Court, within the courts and outside of them, has a profound impact on our country. The misconducts of judges, who are so important in upholding and protecting our freedoms, must not be tolerated at any level especially those of sexual misconduct.

Rule 4(a)(2)(A) provides expressly that unwanted, offensive, or abusive sexual 18 conduct by a judge, including sexual harassment or assault, constitutes cognizable 19 misconduct. The Rule recognizes that anyone can be a victim of unwanted, offensive, 20 or abusive sexual conduct, regardless of their sex and of the sex of the judge engaging 21 in the misconduct.

How can people put faith into the Judicial system if our judges are not of clear minds and actions? We cannot have sexual misconduct and the lack of respect being present among the courts. I implore you to think about the people within and outside the courts. Thank you,

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