

# District of Columbia Court of Appeals

No. M-239-11

## NOTICE

The District of Columbia Court of Appeals is considering the adoption of the proposed amendment to Comment [5] of Rule 6.1 of the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct. The proposed amendment was recommended to the Court by the Board of Governors of the District of Columbia Bar, after consideration of the report and recommendation of the Rules of Professional Conduct Review Committee. The proposed new language is underlined; the language to be deleted is struck through.

[5] In determining their responsibilities under this rule, lawyers admitted to practice in the District of Columbia should be guided by the Resolutions on Pro Bono Services passed by the Judicial Conferences of the District of Columbia and the D.C. Circuit as amended from time to time. Those Resolutions as adopted in ~~1997 and 1998~~ 2009 and 2010, respectively, call on members of the D.C. Bar, at a minimum, each year to (1) accept one court appointment, (2) provide 50 hours of *pro bono* legal service, or (3) when personal representation is not feasible, contribute the lesser of ~~\$400~~ \$750 or 1 percent of earned income to a legal assistance organization that services the community's economically disadvantaged, including *pro bono* referral and appointment offices sponsored by the Bar and the courts.

This notice is published to afford interested parties an opportunity to submit written comments concerning the proposed amendment to Comment [5] of Rule 6.1 of the District of Columbia Rules of Professional Conduct. Ten copies of any comments should be addressed to the Clerk, D.C. Court of Appeals, 430 E Street, N.W., Suite 209, Washington, D.C. 20001 by April 29, 2011.

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