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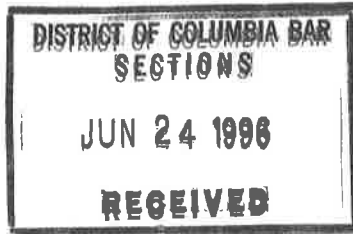
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June 21, 1996

Mr. John Rabiej
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Washington, D.C. 20544

Dear Mr. Rabiej:

I am writing on behalf of the Courts, Lawyers, and Administration of Justice Section of the District of Columbia Bar. The Section, and its Committee on Court Rules and Legislation serves as the clearinghouse for the D.C. Bar for comments on proposed changes to court rules. The D.C. Bar is the integrated bar for the District of Columbia.

In the proposed changes to the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure circulated for comment in April, the Committee on Rules of Practice and Procedure listed the Bar Association of the District of Columbia as the bar association that is the point of contact for the District of Columbia. The Bar Association of D.C. is the voluntary bar of the District of Columbia. Its membership is more limited than that of the D.C. Bar, to which all practicing lawyers in the District of Columbia must belong. Our Section coordinates with the Court Rules Committee of the Bar Association of D.C.

Given the structure of the D.C. Bar, we believe that it is appropriate for the D.C. Bar section responsible for coordinating comments on proposed rule changes to be the bar association point of contact for the District of Columbia. We would appreciate it if you would make the appropriate change in future proposals from the Administrative Office. Of course, you should continue to involve the Bar Association of D.C. as well.

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If you would like to discuss this matter further, please call me at 202-639-6080.

Sincerely yours,

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