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Dear Mr. Coleman:

On April 8, 2019, the Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Ethics considered your proposal to amend the code. I note that the letters you sent to the Supreme Court requesting an amendment to the code were referred to this committee.

You requested that the committee recommend to the Supreme Court adoption of an amendment clarifying that judges may not operate or direct a legal services program involving attorneys who appear before the judges or their courts. After careful consideration of your proposal, the committee unanimously agreed that the Code of Judicial Ethics is not the appropriate place for such a provision or to address the concerns described in your letter. Therefore, the committee decided against recommending to the Supreme Court that it amend the code in accordance with your proposal.

Thank you for your interest in the work of the committee.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Fybel

Chair, Supreme Court Advisory Committee on the Code of Judicial Ethics

cc: Mark D. Jacobson, Counsel to the Advisory Committee