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I am completely and vehemently opposed to this proposed amendment.

Lawyers have a right to their opinion regardless of the cowardly, mean or politically correct positions of others. Making it a violation of ethical rules will not charge that person's heart, and will do nothing to protect the community at large.

It is an infringement of our rights under the Federal Constitution/Bill of Rights, and an unnecessary imposition on those who practice in small firms especially (given a grievance to be sought by clients who are unhappy when no other grounds exist - much like the cowardly politicians who inject race in to every discussion. It is nothing more than "do gooders" seeking to impose their will on others, and control those they disagree with, regardless of their rights, and an attempt to elevate a problem they obsess over to the level of some sanctionable offense.

I do not discriminate in any of these areas, and it is not economically in my best interest to do so, anyway. But, I am sick of this type of elevation of special classes to special status, and protection. It divides us and creates discontent where none is justified and mistreats those not in these appointed special classes. I am sick of it, and I am very disappointed this could have even risen to the level of an actual proposal by the BPR, it tells me we need to watch what they are doing very closely in the future.

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