

[date], 2016

Ms. Audrey Hollins
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State Bar of California
180 Howard Street
San Francisco, CA 94105-1639

Re: Proposed Rule of Professional Conduct 5.5 [1-300]
Unauthorized Practice of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law

Dear Ms. Hollins:

The Professional Responsibility and Ethics Committee of the Los Angeles County Bar Association (“PREC”) appreciates the opportunity to comment on the draft rules of conduct (the “Proposed Rules”) proposed by the State Bar’s Commission for the Revision of the Rules of Professional Conduct (the “Rules Revision Commission”). Please see our letter dated [date], 2016, describing PREC and praising the efforts of the Rules Revision Commission.

Paragraph (b)(1) of Proposed Rule 5.5 [Unauthorized Practice of Law; Multijurisdictional Practice of Law (current Rule 1-300)] includes the term “resident office,” which is undefined and uncertain. The word “resident” is unnecessary and should be deleted. In the event it is decided that the word “resident” should be retained, we recommend that the term “resident office” be defined or clarified.

Thank you again for the opportunity to comment on the Proposed Rules.

Very Truly Yours,