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Hello,

I wanted to note my strong support for the proposed Rule 3.7. I believe that it is important for judges to be allowed to participate in legal, educational, charitable and civic organizations. I have served with judges on nonprofit boards, and I have found their input to be invaluable. I have also found them to be scrupulous about avoiding any conduct or activities that would conflict with their judicial responsibilities. I also believe that maintenance of a balanced rule is critical for avoiding the isolation that judges often report to be the reason for leaving the bench. Having judges who are involved with the community is a mutually beneficial thing, as long as it is done with caution. Rule 3.7 seems to strike the right balance.

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