

**Subject: Rule 8.4 Change**

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I am writing in support of the proposed change to Rule 8.4 of the Maine Rules of Professional Conduct to state specifically that unlawful harassment or unlawful discrimination constitutes professional misconduct.

The reason I support this change is for the simple reason that as attorneys we are supposed to be setting the example here. I could never imagine saying that someone in our profession who engages in unlawful harassment or unlawful discrimination is behaving as a professional. We are all supposed to be upholding the law and if we aren't – by engaging in unlawful harassment or unlawful discrimination - then who are we as a profession.

Placing this in our Rules makes sense because the time for “more training” and “having a better understanding” is over. Unlawful acts are, by definition, against the law. It really isn't that hard to figure out. I am highly confident that we as attorneys know full well what unlawful harassment and unlawful discrimination are. Now we need to make sure that those who just ignore the law have consequences. And having this in our Rules makes sure that there would in fact be consequences.

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