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Lucy Pittman, Chair  
Board on Professional Responsibility  
District of Columbia Court of Appeals

Dear Ms. Pittman:

I have previously been a signer of complaints to the D.C. Office of Disciplinary Counsel (ODC), which ODC has refused to docket because they were not based on “personal knowledge.” I appreciate and support the Board of Professional Responsibility’s proposed amended Rules to rectify this practice. I believe that the proposed amendments would be a valuable step toward increasing the transparency and accountability to the public of the D.C. lawyer disciplinary process and eliminating discriminatory treatment of complainants whose complaints are based on public information.

Respectfully submitted,

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