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RE: Rule Petition 22-05, In the Matter of Amendment of Supreme Court Rules 20:1.15 and 20:1.0, Relating to Electronic Banking

Dear Honorable Supreme Court Justices:

I am writing in my personal capacity as a lawyer representing respondents in OLR Disciplinary Matters and as a participant in the prior activities involving the language changes to SCR 20:1.15 – Trust Accounts. I worked with the Office of Lawyer Regulation and other parties in the development of the current language in SCR 20:1.15 regarding the handling of trust accounts and addressing electronic banking procedures.

I am writing in support of the proposed changes presented to the Court in Petition 22-05. The changes proposed by the Office of Lawyer Regulation in consultation with various parties seems to effectively address the handling of trust accounts in the electronic banking environment while at the same time ensuring that lawyers are responsible for the administration of funds in the trust account in their capacity as counsel and as fiduciary for the assets of a client. I strongly recommend that the Court approve these changes and implement the changes as soon as practicable.

Thank you for the opportunity to provide input to Petition 22-05. I am interested in attending any court hearing that would be held on this Petition.

Sincerely,

WELD RILEY, S.C.

Dean R. Dietrich