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Honorable Gerald W. VandeWalle
Chief Justice
North Dakota Supreme Court
600 E. Boulevard., Dept 180
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Re: Proposed Rule on Temporary Licensure of Out-of-State Attorneys

Dear Chief Justice VandeWalle:

The Joint Committee on Attorney Standards recently completed work on a proposed rule governing the temporary licensing of out-of-state attorneys who have applied for admission in North Dakota. The proposed rule is based on a draft rule submitted to the Joint Committee by Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court and Secretary-Treasurer of the Board of Law Examiners.

The proposed rule is intended to provide a mechanism by which an attorney seeking admission to the North Dakota bar may practice law on a temporary basis while the application for admission is pending. The rule would require that the applying attorney be allied with an associate attorney who would fulfill the same responsibilities of an associate attorney under the *pro hac vice* rule - Rule 3A, Admission to Practice Rules. The proposed rule establishes a fee for the temporary license which would be divided equally between the State bar Association and the Board of Law Examiners. The proposal also establishes the time period for temporary licensure (12 months) and identifies circumstances under which the Board of Law examiners would be require to revoke the license.

The Joint Committee voted unanimously to submit the proposed rule to the

Supreme Court, pending review and comment by the SBAND Board of Governors as required under Administrative Rule 38. The Board has completed its review and has no objection to any part of the rule. I am pleased therefore to submit the proposed rule on temporary licensure to the Supreme Court for its consideration.

If you should have any questions concerning the Joint Committee's submission, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Sandi Tabor', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Sandi Tabor
Chair, Joint Committee on
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Attachment

cc: Penny Miller, Clerk of the Supreme Court
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