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MEMORANDUM

TO: Members of the Board of Governors

FROM: Lynne M. Lester LML
Manager, Divisions Office

DATE: June 3, 1986

SUBJECT: Statement addressed to the U.S. House Subcommittee on Courts, Civil Rights, and the Administration of Justice in support of H.R. 4898, an Act to extend the permissible pro bono representation by employees of the Federal Government and the District of Columbia Government.

Pursuant to Division Guideline No. 13, Section a, the enclosed proposed public statement is being sent to you by District of Columbia Affairs Division

(a)(iii): "No later than 12:00 noon on the seventh (7th) day before the statement is to be submitted to the legislative or governmental body, the Division will forward (by mail or otherwise) a one-page summary of the comments (summary forms may be obtained through the Divisions Office), the full text of the comments, and the full text of the legislative or governmental proposal to the Manager for Divisions. The one-page summary will be sent to the Chairperson(s) of each Division steering committee and any other D.C. Bar committee that appear to have an interest in the subject matter of the comments. A copy of the full text and the one-page summary will be forwarded to the Executive Director of the Bar, the President and President-Elect of the Bar, the Division's Board of Governors liaison, and the chairperson of the Committee on Divisions. Copies of the full text will be provided upon request through the Divisions Office. Reproduction and postage expenses will be incurred by whomever requested the full text (i.e., Division, Bar committee or Board of Governors

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account). The Manager for Divisions shall help with the distribution, if requested, and shall forward a copy of the one-page summary to each member of the Board of Governors. In addition, the Manager for Divisions shall draw up a list of all persons receiving the comment or statement, and he/she shall acertain that appropriate distribution has been made and will assist in collecting the views of the distributees. If no request is made to the Manager for Divisions within the seven-day period by at least three (3) members of the Board of Governors, or by majority vote of any steering committee or Committee of the Bar, that the proposed amendment be placed on the agenda of the Board of Governors, the Division may submit its comments to the appropriate federal or state legislative or governmental body at the end of the seven-day period."

a(vi): The Board of Governors may request that the proposed comments be placed on the agenda of the Board of Governors for the following two reasons only:

> (a) The matter is so closely and directly related to the administration of justice that a special meeting of the Bar's membership pursuant to Rule VI, Section 2, or a special referendum pursuant to Rule VII, Section 1, should be called, or (b) the matter does not relate closely and directly to the administration of justice, involves matters which are primarily political, or as to which evaluation by lawyers would not have particular relevance.

a(v): Another Division or Committee of the Bar may request that the proposed set of comments by a Division be placed on the Board's agenda only if such Division or Committee believes that it has greater or coextensive expertise in or jurisdiction over the subject matter, and only if (a) a short explanation of the basis for this belief and (b) an outline of proposed alternate comments of the Division or Committee are filed with both the Manager for Divisions and the commenting Division's Chairperson(s). The short explanation and outline of proposed alternate comments will be forwarded by the Manager for Divisions to the Board of Governors.

a(vi): Notice of the request that the statement be placed on the Board's agenda lodged with the Manager for Divisions by any Board member may initially be telephoned to the Manager for Divisions (who will then inform the commenting Division), but must be supplemented by a written objection lodged within seven days of the oral objection.

Please call me by 5:00 p.m., Monday, June 9, 1986 if you wish to have this matter placed on the Board of Governors' agenda for Tuesday, June 17, 1986

I can be reached at 638-1500.

Enclosures

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BY MESSENGER

Ms. Lynne Lester
Administrative Assistant for Divisions
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RE: Public statement by Division 6 on H.R. 4898, concerning pro bono representation by federal and District government employees; public statement by the Public Service Activities Committee and Division 6 on the same bill.

Dear Lynne:

Division 6 has approved the enclosed statements on H.R. 4898, concerning pro bono representation by federal and District government employees. One is by Division 6 alone. The other is a joint statement by Division 6 and the Public Service Activities Committee. They are going to be submitted to the Subcommittee on the Courts, Civil Rights, and the Administration of Justice of the House Judiciary Committee. The statements address two different issues pertaining to this bill and can not be feasibly combined.

As the testimony is due at 10:00 am, Tuesday, July 10, 1986, we need to commence circulation immediately.

Sincerely yours,

James C. McKay, Jr.
Chairman, Legislation Committee
Division VI (D.C. Affairs)
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JOINT STATEMENT OF
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H.R. 4898
AN ACT "TO EXTEND THE PERMISSIBLE PRO BONO
REPRESENTATION BY EMPLOYEES OF THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT
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July 12, 1986

Mr. Chairman and members of the Committee:

The Public Service Activities Committee of the District of Columbia Bar has oversight responsibility for the Bar's Office of Public Service Activities (PSA) including the Lawyer Referral and Information Service (LRIS). The primary focus of PSA and LRIS is to ensure that legal services are provided to all members of the community. The Bar's pro bono program is run by and through this office.*

Division VI of the District of Columbia Bar is responsible for monitoring legislative and judicial developments that affect the District of Columbia.* A separate statement of Division VI has been presented to this Committee.

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The views expressed herein represent only those of the Public Service Activities Committee and Division VI (District of Columbia Affairs) of the District of Columbia Bar and not those of the D.C. Bar or of its Board of Governors.