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**Supreme Judicial Court Standing Advisory Committee Seeks Comment on
Proposed Changes to Rules of Professional Conduct**

The Supreme Judicial Court's Standing Advisory Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct today published for public comment proposed revisions to the Massachusetts Rules of Professional Conduct. The Committee undertook a comprehensive review of the Massachusetts rules to consider revisions to the American Bar Association's Model Rules of Professional Conduct.

The American Bar Association's Model Rules revisions reflect recommendations made by the ABA's Ethics 2000 Commission and the ABA's Commission on Ethics 20/20. The comprehensive amendments proposed by the ABA Ethics 2000 Commission responded to changes in the profession since the Model Rules' adoption in 1983. The targeted amendments proposed by the ABA Commission on Ethics 20/20 responded to changes in law practice resulting from globalization and the profession's increased use of technology.

The attached Executive Summary to the Report of the Standing Advisory Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct summarizes that Committee's major proposals and, additionally, identifies those recommendations that have generated dissents from a minority of Committee members. The complete [Report and proposals](#) are available on the Supreme Judicial Court's website.

The Committee will make its recommendations to the Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court following receipt and review of public comments. Comments are due by December 2, 2013.

The Justices of the Supreme Judicial Court appoint the members of the Standing Advisory Committee on the Rules of Professional Conduct. The Committee is chaired by John L. Whitlock, Edwards Wildman Palmer LLP. The other members are: Carol Beck, Committee for Public Counsel Services; Professor R. Michael Cassidy, Boston College Law School; Timothy J. Dacey, Goulston & Storrs, P.C.; Henry C. Dinger, Goodwin Procter LLP; Erin K. Higgins, Conn Kavanaugh Rosenthal Peisch & Ford, LLP; Professor Andrew L. Kaufman, Harvard Law School; Elizabeth Mulvey, Crowe & Mulvey LLP; Professor Andrew M. Perlman, Suffolk University Law School; James B. Re, Sally & Fitch LLP; Regina E. Roman, Sugarman, Rogers, Barshak & Cohen, PC; Professor Constance Rudnick, Massachusetts School of Law; and Massachusetts Bar Counsel Constance V. Vecchione, Office of Bar Counsel.

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