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Peter G. McCabe
Rules of Practice and Procedure Committee
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RE: Proposed Amendments to Rules 26 and 56

Dear Mr. McCabe

I wish to give testimony before the Rules Committee on February 2, 2009 in San Francisco regarding the proposed amendments to Rules 26 and 56. I was scheduled to testify in Washington, D.C. in November but had to cancel due to a jury trial. I am currently serving as President of DRI – The Voice of the Defense Bar. Through our affiliation with Lawyers for Civil Justice we have been tracking the progress of these amendments and would like to comment on the proposed language. I am flexible as to the time of my testimony and I promise to be brief in my comments.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Very truly yours,



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