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Case Number: AF 09-0688

**From:** Gina Klempel <klemlog@aboutmontana.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2016 9:20 AM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** changes to discrimination law

This attack on the first amendment must not prevail. The gray areas in this rule change of misconduct will cripple the lawyer and his client from the truth. We already have discriminaton laws at hand and they are valid but this change is not.

The baseless accusations will fly and nothing is gained by this except violating the rights of those that have to deal with these accusations, the mear fact that anyone can get up and lie based on your changes is outlandish.

Sincerely,  
Gina Klempel

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Honorable Ed Smith  
Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court  
Room 323, Justice Building  
PO Box 203003  
Helena, MT 69620-3003

December 9, 2016

Dear Honorable Ed Smith,

As you know, to discriminate is to make distinctions in treatment, to show partiality in favor of or prejudice against (Webster's New World Dictionary).

Isn't that exactly what the proposed Rule 8.4 of the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct purports; showing partiality toward those who have liberal convictions about marriage and prejudice against those who hold to the biblical definition of marriage?

Americans are distinguished by their right to freedom of speech. The fact that a broad range of moral values has existed and been practiced in our country for decades upon decades shows that differences are not the problem. Rather, these differences are evidence that our nation does not broadly practice prejudice against those who are different.

What would America look like if we try to regulate the very words used by its constituents? And to remove a professional from his position because of adherence to a moral standard seems to be counter-American.

Please do not allow this rule to become a part of the Rules of Professional Conduct.

Sincerely,

Laurie Job  
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Honorable Ed Smith  
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PO Box 203003  
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December 9, 2016

Dear Honorable Ed Smith,

I am writing to in response of the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

The rule would be in opposition of the first amendment created to protect the rights of the people which include the right of freedom of speech, freedom of press, and the right to express one's beliefs. Instead of discriminating against the minorities, which is often the case in society, (whether it is open discrimination or not) this would instead be discriminating against the majority.

I believe this rule would be harmful to the American law system, please do not allow this rule to become a part of our legal system.

Sincerely,

Daniel Liner  
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STATE OF MONTANA

# ORIGINAL

Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of The Court

You have asked for public comment of The proposed Rule 8.4(g) of The Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned Citizen, I humbly request that you reject this proposed rule.

This rule would be stifling free speech and the ability to hold to and share your religious beliefs. Thus over-stepping the boundaries of The 1st Amendment.

There are some out there who believe that we have no right to hold to and live by God's standards. They believe the only way is to silence others who may disagree with them. Taking away our ability to discuss and debate the merits of beliefs other than theirs by making it unlawful to do so. I would ask the Honorable Members of The Court. Is this Justice? I do not believe so. This is why I again humbly request that you reject the proposed rule 8.4(g)

Signed  
 Mark W. Henderson  
 Mark W. Henderson  
 P.O. Box 1443  
 Choteau MT 59422

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# ORIGINAL

Montana Supreme Court

Fax: 406-444-5705

Re: Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court,

You have called for public comment of the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a citizen, I hereby submit my request that you reject this rule for the following reasons.

1. It is a violation of religious freedom.
2. It is government overreach.
3. It is a violation of my freedom of speech.

Thank you,



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Dec. 8, 2016

Maxine Korman

P O Box 162

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To: Montana Supreme Court

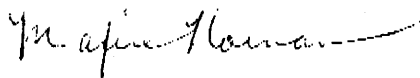
Re: Opposition to Professional Rules of Conduct, Rule 8.4(g)

Honorable Members of the Court,

This Court has asked for public comment on proposed Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a concerned citizen; concerned with protection of Constitutional protections; including protections for sincerely held religious beliefs I submit my request that you reject this rule.

I have observed prosecution of individuals in other states for declining to participate in some form in a ceremony for same-sex couples. This was not based on discrimination or hate; but on an individual's right to sincerely held religious beliefs. This rule poses the danger of denying a potential defendant an affirmative defense by pre-emptive strike of muzzling legal counsel. This violates rights to sincerely held religious beliefs; a defendant's right to defense; infringes on speech and does not serve the interest of justice. Justice should balance the equities of rights; not operate to impose tyranny. This proposed rule should not be adopted.

Signed Respectfully,



Maxine Korman

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Clerk of Montana Supreme Court  
PO Box 203003  
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Re: Professional Rules of Conduct- Rule 8.4

Honorable Members of the Court,

A friend of mine recently shared with me Court Order AF 09-0688 requesting comment on the referenced proposed rule change.

12/7/16

I am a studied churchman and 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Montanan with two generations under me. I am not versed in legal terminology but this proposed rule change obviously has a hidden agenda driven by some outside of Montana to change what does not need to be changed in Montana.

All practical aspects of life in Montana ~~stream~~ to us the truth statement that free men are not equal and men who are equal are not free. Yet there are those who feel that through social engineering they can change this fundamental truth.

AND practicing attorney in Montana, I would be concerned that if this rule change would be at least deleterious effects.

I was a churchman and I would be concerned how I could continue to serve or serve on the board of my church whose position is the Apostle Paul's right when he revealed God's position on sexuality in his letter to the Romans and without "potentially" being in violation of this rule change.

And finally, I fear the Church at large will no longer have access to the best and most qualified representation in our court system and therefore, not be protected under its constitutional right to free speech.

You are Members of the Supreme Court and in the interests of Montanans, I respectfully ask that you not adopt this rule change.

Steve H.  
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Billings, Montana 59001

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**From:** Fran Bertholet <franinmontana@centurylink.net>  
**Sent:** Friday, December 9, 2016 12:39 AM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Professional Rules of Conduct-Rule 8.4

Honorable Members of the Supreme Court

I understand you are accepting public comment on Friday, 9 December 2016, on the proposed Professional Rules of Conduct - Rule 8.4. I'm not sure if I am fully aware of the entire content of this proposed rule, however, as a concerned citizen, I hereby request that you reject this rule for the following reasons:

- . possibility of threat to the religious freedom or just freedom in a non-law related activity of Montana attorneys in that Montana attorneys may be open to possible discipline through association with religious organizations not necessarily following politically correct agendas;

- . possible limitation of, or a threat to, free speech by Montana attorneys in a non-politically correct environment; that socially engineered political correctness should not be grounds for "a need for a cultural shift in understanding the inherent integrity of people." The social engineering should not be justification to encourage a cultural shift in understanding, or justifying intergrity of people...are not the courts charged with the duty to interpret the law rather than to be an arbiter of cultural values? Does this proposed Rule not threaten the rule of law?;

- . This proposed Rule appears to support class warfare, for which I consider it to be totally unacceptable and appropriate; and, finally,

- . The last sentence of this proposed Rule does not preclude legitimate advice or advocacy consistent with these rules...what does that mean in order to provide for Montana attorneys?

I respectfully encourage the Court not to adopt this proposed rule change.

Frances J. Bertholet  
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**From:** Robin St.James <sluicebox.mrs@outlook.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 10:21 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Re: Professional Rules of Conduct- Rule 8.4

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

Honorable Members of the Court,

In your order of October 26, 2016 regarding case number AF 09-0688 you have called for public comment on the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Professional Rules of Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a citizen of Montana and an advocate of free speech and the right to live out one's religious and moral beliefs, I see numerous consequences of this proposed rule that give me concern. In my research on this topic, I have found several principles with which I wholeheartedly agree. For the sake of time, I will summarize three of them to make my point.

The proposed rule is inconsistent with the ABA's Rules of Professional Conduct. Model Rule 6.2 states that a lawyer ordinarily is not obliged to accept a client whose character or cause the lawyer regards as repugnant. Moreover, the Rules allow a lawyer to withdraw from a case when the lawyer finds the client's pursuit of an action, while lawful, to cause a fundamental disagreement and personal conflict of interest that renders them unable to represent the client. If forced, a lawyer could not then represent that client with zeal and the client's cause or defense suffers. If a client were turned down by one lawyer, he or she could find another to represent him/her, and therefore, would not be harmed or harassed nor would the administration of justice be prejudiced. \*\* To adopt the proposed rule is to degrade robust representation for clients in Montana.

Besides the inevitable conflict with attorneys' First Amendment rights, a lawyer should not have to worry about whether her advice would cause her to come too close to the boundary of conflicts in the practice of law if she sits on a board and gives advice to a religious institution or any board that may disagree with the predominant voices on the present political and social issues.\*\*

Most importantly, I can see this rule acting as a muzzle on free speech, thus having a chilling effect on Montana lawyers leading to the same effect on the freedom of speech for all society since "a threat to the freedom of speech for one class is a threat to the freedom of speech for all." \* Once Montana lawyers are silenced by fear of losing their livelihood, who is next? Where does it stop? It will only stop when nobody has freedom of speech.

As a citizen, I recognize this change to Rule 8.4 of the Professional Rules of Conduct as an undisguised attempt at abolishing an opposing viewpoint. Please do not adopt it.

Sincerely,

Robin St.James

\* Paraphrased from the letter of Pastor Terry Forke (President Montana District LCMS) to the Clerk of the Montana Supreme Court, December, 2016

\*\* Paraphrased from the letter of the Christian Legal Society to the ABA Ethics Committee, March, 2016

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**From:** Mae <mw.woo@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 9:20 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** RE: COMMENTS ON Rule 8.4(g)  
  
**Importance:** High

Dear Clerk of the Supreme Court and Honorable Justices:

I am writing to comment on proposed rule change 8.4(g).

**First of all, I am not a Christian.**

I am from Mainland/Communist China and I am Buddhist and Taoist in religious and spiritual orientation.

This rule change requiring attorneys to be politically correct so that one doesn't "say" or "think" something not sanctioned by the Ruling Elite reminds me of **China's Cultural Revolution, 1966-1976, under Mao Zedong**. This Cultural Revolution sought to destroy the old foundations and traditions of old China and replace it with Mao's version of a New Politically Correct System in which ALL Independent Thought, Speech, and Actions were stamped out. To achieve this, Mao's Red Guards attacked, destroyed, imprisoned, killed, and tortured all peoples and institutions that got in its way. In the end, this led to **massive social, cultural, political and economic chaos for China**. It was later deemed to be a failure and a gross violation of individual rights along with the immoral and unconscionable destruction of public and private property and traditions.

**The Gay Rights and LGTB Movement is the "West's Cultural Revolution"**. Thus, all Independent Speech, Thought, and Actions related to old traditions need to be stamped out. Attorneys (and others) will not be allowed to say that "marriage is between one man and one woman", otherwise, he/she will be dealt with by force – and will be disbarred. The old traditions and foundations of the West must be destroyed by force and replaced with a New Politically Correct System.

This is very very scary and most likely unconstitutional at the very least.

**Please do not adopt this Communist/Marxist rule change which places a gag order on free speech and thought.**

Thank You,  
Sincerely,

Mae W. Woo  
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**From:** Margaret Juneman <jamjuneman@montana.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 9:09 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** No on changing rule 8.4

This is a change that puts lawyers between a rock and a hard spot. Lawyers may be unable or unwilling to give advice, or even sit on governing boards of congregations, or part of community organizations that have sincerely held religious beliefs considered discriminatory toward certain sexual orientations, gender identities, or marital statuses.

**Lawyers, as humans beings, need the protection to freely express their religious beliefs and the freedom to act on those beliefs.**

Margaret Juneman  
Thompson Falls, Montana

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CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
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Montana Supreme Court  
PO Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Re: Professional Rules of Conduct- Rule 8.4

Honorable Members of the Court,

12/08/16

In your order of October 26, 2016 regarding case number AF 09-0688 you have called for public comment on the proposed new Rule 8.4(g) of the Montana Rules of Professional Conduct for Montana Attorneys. As a member of several of these protected classes I would ask the Court to deny implementation of this rule on the following grounds:

**1. It is Beyond the Purpose of the Court.**

This rule was proposed because the American Bar Association felt the need to promote a cultural shift. It is not the job of the Court to promote "cultural shifts". It is the job of the court to uphold the rule of law and this rule is outside that parameter.

**2. It Promotes Protected Class Warfare.**

Comment 4 to Rule 8.4(g) says that "Lawyers may engage in conduct undertaken to promote diversity and inclusion without violating this Rule by, for example, implementing initiatives aimed at recruiting, hiring, retaining and advancing diverse employees..." Imagine two individuals with the same qualifications applying for the same job. One is a Christian black female and the other a Jewish white male. Which could be hired without appearing discriminatory?

**3. It is a Threat to an Attorneys Freedom of Speech.**

Anyone can accuse someone of harassment or discrimination for any number of reasons and in any number of circumstances. The adoption of this rule will find Montana Lawyers constantly being accused of the aforementioned abuses in any case where someone considers himself to be on the potential losing side of any civil case. The opposing attorney could be accused of representing his client because his opponent is a member of a particular protected class. This potential limitation on free speech sets dangerous precedent. A threat to the freedom of speech for one class is a threat to the freedom of speech for all.

**4. It is a Threat to an Attorneys Religious Freedom.**

Should this rule be implemented Montana lawyers would be disciplined and possibly disbarred for holding to their religious beliefs. This appears to be an overt threat to the religious freedom of Montana attorneys. Montana attorneys may even be forbidden from serving on a church governing board because it would appear that they are "discriminating" because the church to which they belong does not support the actions of a particular protected class.

On the basis of the above reasoning I urge the court not to adopt the proposed change to Rule 8.4 of the Professional Rules of Conduct.

Sincerely,

Jerry Roseleip  
129 Eastside Road  
Deer Lodge, MT

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Mike Frelich <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 4:51 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Rule 8.4g

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

In my opinion freedom of speech will be infringed upon by this rule.  
Thank you for considering the opinion of Christian citizens of our state.

Sincerely,  
Mike Frelich  
301 S Mountain View Dr. #  
Kalispell, MR 59901

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Mike Frelich  
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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Steve Bostrom <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 4:21 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Please hear our plea

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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I understand that our Montana Supreme Court is considering changing the rules for Christian lawyers - and others - who uphold the moral teachings of the Scriptures regarding homosexuality, gender and marriage. I understand that, under the proposed new rule, if a lawyer says anything that might be deemed "discriminatory" on the basis of "sexual orientation" or "gender identity," that lawyer could be disbarred.

How did we get to this place? This is tyranny. Why act like members of an elite guild when you could lead the way as gatekeepers of a healthy culture?

Please consider these three arguments that oppose this rule change.

1. When I say above, "our Montana Supreme Court," I hope that "our" is still true. Will you hear the voice of the people of Montana? Christmas Eve, 2014, I wrote to Judge Brian Morris. I said:

"On 11/19/14, your single vote redefined marriage in Montana.

Your single vote nullified the votes of 295,000 Montanans about one-third of those living in the state - who joined @ 70% of voters to preserve marriage between a man and a woman. Brian, what a vote!"

Justices, it was too late for Brian to hear us. Please hear us.

2. If you choose to proceed to approve this rule change, you will be distancing yourselves from freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

May we please continue to have honest - uncensored - conversations?

What happened to our Constitutional rights? One of the reasons my Dad fought in WW2 was to uphold those rights. Please respect our Constitution.

3. But, MUCH more than the first two concerns, realize that one day you and I will answer to The Higher Court. We are tempted to be like our first parents who chose to be wise in their own eyes. They brought trouble to us. Instead God calls us to do justice and to love mercy and to walk humbly with him. Do we have the humility understand his justice and mercy? Jesus taught us that as we come to understand him, we will know the truth and the truth will set us free. Please respect that freedom.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.



Sincerely,

Mr. Steve Bostrom  
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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Susan Bodner <communications@montanafamily.org>  
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**Subject:** Rule 8.4

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Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

*Ed Smith*  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This is disturbing to me as an individual, a professional, a citizen of the state of Montana, and the United States. The Constitution does ensure us rights, esp with the Bill of Rights, the right to "free speech". This allows us the ability to disagree, even when it is not a popular belief. The right to be Free Thinkers, and express that. Christian or not, each person has value because they exist and should be allowed to express themselves, I do prefer peacefully, but as you know that, is not always the case. 8.4 sets a presidence that will not stop at lawyers and will alter The U.S. as we know it. I am a nurse and treat all people with dignity and the utmost respect. Trust me, I may not agree with the way people live, treat their family members, I have seen much, but I do my job and do it well, with the nursing oath I have taken. It is still my right to think, have beliefs and opinions, and live differently than those I treat. It is also very possible to disagree in belief, but still hold a person who thinks and believes differently than you do, with the highest regard allowing one to treat or represent them for who they are! I know I do this every day I work.

I love people. Thank you for all you do and the office you represent.

Thank you for considering 8.4 is not a good idea. We have to much to lose. I hope you will reject this change.

Sincerely,

Susan V Bodner  
3480 Otter Creek Road  
Raynesford, MT 59469  
[conchos\\_place@hotmail.com](mailto:conchos_place@hotmail.com)

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susan Bodner  
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Raynesford, MT 59469-9607  
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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Elizabeth Crawford <communications@montanafamily.org>  
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**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Constitutional Rights?

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Honorable Ed Smith  
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Helena, MT 59620-3003

*Ed Smith*  
CLERK OF THE SUPREME COURT  
STATE OF MONTANA

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

I believe in the right to freedom of speech. Just because someone had decided to become a lawyer should not impose on whether someone has this right or not. It is important for this profession to be able to express all beliefs and ideas in words that may be used by the general public and not be limited by this rule change in their capacity to practice law.

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Ms. Elizabeth Crawford  
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**Anderson, Diane**

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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of  
Susanna Pyron <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 2:33 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Oppose rule change 8.4(g)

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

Dear Montana Supreme Court Members,

I urge you to oppose the rule change 8.4(g). This change would be a violation of the freedom of speech and of the press.  
It is also a violation of the free exercise of religion.

Freedom of speech is the first and most important freedom for a reason.

Please consider our future as a free nation.

Sincerely,  
Susanna Pyron, Florence, MT

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Susanna Pyron  
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**From:** Montana Family Foundation <communications@montanafamily.org> on behalf of Charles Schuyler <communications@montanafamily.org>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 8, 2016 2:33 PM  
**To:** Court, SCclerk  
**Subject:** Proposed Rule Change of Rule 8.4(g)

Dec 8, 2016

Honorable Ed Smith  
P.O. Box 203003  
Helena, MT 59620-3003

Dear Justices Honorable Smith,

I am writing today to express my opposition to the proposed rule change 8.4(g).

This proposed Lawyers' Professional Code of MT change is overbroad and unnecessary. It should be rejected in committee and elsewhere. It should never be implemented, particularly if it's source is the ABA which is a political arm of and lobby for the Democratic party. MT lawyers should not be forced to think a certain way, or to have mind control from a liberal group, such as the ACLU. I will always believe that marriage is a union of a husband and wife; Black's Law Dictionary, 8th Ed., defines a husband as a married man; a wife as a married woman. The State should have no rule enforcement that would force a lawyer to think differently. It should not be wrong for a lawyer to ask what pronoun would apply in the case of a person seeking to change gender.

Sincerely, Chuck Schuyler, 103 S. 5th St. E, Missoula, MT, 59801, [chuckschuyler103@gmail.com](mailto:chuckschuyler103@gmail.com)

I hope you'll reject this rule change.

Sincerely,

Mr. Charles Schuyler  
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