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Hon. Louis E. Condon  
Charleston County Court, Room 103  
Charleston, SC 29401

Dear Mr. Condon:

I am writing in response to a letter sent to Robert E. Jordan III, President of the District of Columbia Bar, by Thomas E. Sims, Chairman of the ABA's Committee on Local Ordinance Reform, about that Committee's work. Under applicable rules, the District of Columbia Bar and its Board of Governors are constrained in their ability to make public statements on issues, and Mr. Jordan has referred the matter to our Section.

Our steering committee has reviewed the proposal, under which law students working in clinical programs would assist officials in rural communities with drafting ordinances and providing other legal assistance. Our steering committee members thought this was a very worthwhile project, although the District of Columbia's unique situation makes the idea unnecessary in this jurisdiction. We are not certain whether there are communities in Maryland or Virginia which could be served by District of Columbia law schools or whether your Committee contemplates that any such communities would be served by the law schools based in those states. As Mr. Sims' letter did not discuss how the Committee preferred to handle this issue, we would be grateful if you could provide some guidance to us before we contact local law schools.

Very truly yours,



Cornish F. Hitchcock  
Co-chair

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