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Rules Committee
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Dear Ms. Spada:

As members of the Steering Committee of the Estates, Trusts and Probate Law Section of the D.C. Bar, we have reviewed the proposed amendments to Probate Rules 103, 127 and 128. As you know, the high cost of publishing the notices required in administering decedents' estates has long been of concern to practitioners in the District of Columbia. Accordingly, we are pleased to see that the publication requirements, particularly the required publication in the Washington Daily Law Reporter, are being reviewed by the Rules Committee.^{1/}

As you know, the District of Columbia Code requires that notice be published in "a newspaper of general circulation in the District of Columbia and any other publication the Court may order or provide by Rule." D.C. Code § 20-704; see also D.C. Code §§ 20-323 and 343. Given the statutory language, we question why the Court feels that it is necessary to require publication in more than one newspaper. Perhaps the interests of all could better be served

^{1/} The views expressed herein represent only those of the Estates, Trusts and Probate Law Section of the District of Columbia Bar and not those of the D.C. Bar or its Board of Governors.

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by more clearly defining the "general circulation" standard
and eliminating the need for a second costly publication.

Sincerely,

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