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To The Honorable Justices of the Minnesota Supreme Court:

Dear Honorable Justices:

I have just received and read a copy of the Final Report of the Special Continuing Legal Education Advisory Committee on Elimination of Bias, and the summary of my remarks. I do not feel that the summary reflects my position. I am opposed to diversity training, I am opposed to multiculturalism, and I also believe that the racial bias task force report did not prove that there is racial bias in the criminal justice system. I have previously cited the Court and the task force to a number of books, including Arthur Schlesinger's The Disuniting of America, which articulate public policy reasons why teaching multiculturalism and diversity are counterproductive toward the end of achieving a successful multiracial society, and I respectfully implore you to read these books, if you haven't already. My view, stated as the father of two children of Hispanic origin, is that we can succeed in America only as a single culture (and as a bar only as a single bar), and that we will fail if we focus on our status as members of various groups. Moreover, even if I am wrong in my belief as to how we best achieve a multiracial society (and bar), it is wrong for those who control the apparatus of the State Bar Association, and also for you, to compel me to accept your political beliefs on this issue as a condition to my practice of the law.

At the hearing I attended, I said that if this Continuing Legal Education requirement was to be imposed, it was my request that people who think like I do be allowed to offer a course centered on the concept of a color-blind society (specifically in this context a color-blind bar and legal system). It was and is my intention to include in this course speakers such as Glen Loury, from the Center for New Black Leadership, who believes (as I do) that the road to a successful society for all (in this context, a successful bar and legal system) lies along a color-blind path, where merit matters and not the color of your skin.

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