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### SENT VIA USPS AND EMAIL

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State Bar of California  
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### **RE: Comments for the Rules of Professional Conduct Regarding the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence**

Dear Ms. Doherty:

The court understands and appreciates that the State Bar has taken steps to provide guidance to attorneys licensed by the State Bar regarding the use of generative artificial intelligence (generative AI). In particular, the court is aware that, in November 2023, the State Bar's Committee on Professional Responsibility and Conduct published the "Practical Guidance for the Use of Generative Artificial Intelligence in the Practice of Law" to assist lawyers in navigating their professional and ethical obligations when using generative AI.

To ensure that attorneys across the state are aware of and familiar with the State Bar's guidance regarding generative AI, the court directs the State Bar to consider whether the guiding principles provided in its November 2023 "Practical Guidance" should be incorporated into the comments for the California Rules of Professional Conduct. As part of this evaluation, the State Bar is directed to consider incorporating into the comments for the Rules of Professional Conduct any additional guidance that may be warranted in light of recent or upcoming generative AI developments, including lawyers' use of "agentic AI" tools, which function as automated programs that can plan and execute tasks and iteratively work toward a defined goal without or with minimal human intervention.

Sincerely,

JORGE E. NAVARRETE

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Jorge E. Navarrete", written over a circular stamp or seal.

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cc: Brandon Stallings, Chair, State Bar Board of Trustees  
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