Summary of the Comments

Division 17 recommends that the District of Columbia Court of Appeals reject the proposed amendments to Rule 46-1 (c) (3) of the District of Columbia Court of Appeals rules. The rule governs the admission of attorneys by motion.

This recommendation has several bases:

1. The amendments do not provide a reliable and rational basis for evaluating applicants.

2. The amendments establish minimal admission requirements when the public interest ought to require higher standards.

3. The amendments will have an anti-competitive impact upon those attorneys who are only admitted locally.

These comments were drafted by division 17 and fully discussed by its steering committee which unanimously endorsed it on August 16, 1983.