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RE: Comments on Proposed Standards Relating to Postconviction Remedies

Dear ABA Criminal Justice Section,

We, the undersigned Attorneys General, are writing in support of the Comments submitted by the NAAG Criminal Law Committee on July 5, 2017 to the proposed Standards Relating to Postconviction Remedies ("Standards") issued by your Standards Committee on September 27, 2016. We, too, have deep concerns over the sweeping changes to established law and practice that the proposed Standards advocate. And we join in our colleagues' concern about the impact these Standards would have on the finality of criminal convictions and the interests of crime victims.

Finally, we should note that we do not object to continued assessment of, and dialogue about, the procedures by which defendants may seek post-conviction relief. We believe, however, that the ABA should not support Standards that recommend a radical departure from existing law without acknowledging that they do just that and explaining why those recommendations are in the interest of all stakeholders in the criminal justice system.

Sincerely,

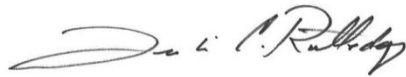
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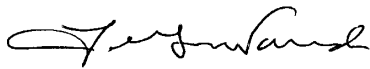
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