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The proposed opinion states: “The lawyer’s statement that professional considerations require termination of the representation ordinarily should be accepted as sufficient.”

The most common reason for withdrawal is non-payment of fees. It would be helpful if the opinion could address whether that statement is still appropriate and accurate when the reason is non-payment of fees.

The statement seems to imply that there is a professional consideration that is related to wrong doing by the client. It would seem to not be in the best interests of the client to give the court an explanation that may lead the court to believe the client has done something wrong.

In summary, it would be helpful if the comment can address the proper statement to make to the court when withdrawing for non-payment of fees.

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