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Re: Response to February 17, 2025 Letter Regarding Possible Alternatives to Secure-Leave Policy

Dear Utility Bar Members,

Thank you for your February 17, 2025 letter requesting that the Commission adopt a secure-leave policy or provide alternative accommodation to enable practitioners appearing before the Commission "to make and keep plans free from the urgent demands of professional responsibility in the legal profession."

In response to your request, the Commission is putting a hold on the week of June 30, 2025. During this week, the Commission will not schedule any proceedings, including but not necessarily limited to Staff Conference, public or expert witness hearings, oral arguments, technical conferences, or external meetings of any kind, and will also not set

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any filing deadlines for this week. To the extent that any dockets have had deadlines previously set for this week, please file a motion to move the deadline and cite this letter as justification.

Depending on the response to this trial secure-leave alternative, the Commission may consider developing a permanent policy.

Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Karen M. Kemerait in cursive script.

Karen M. Kemerait  
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