

Memorandum



Subject

ABA Inquiry Concerning AG's Views on
Weyerich's "A Blueprint for Judicial
Reform"

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To

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From

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I suggest we keep as low a profile on this as possible. Weyerich is of course no friend of ours, but it won't help to stir up the influential contributors to his volume, and any comment by the AG will simply highlight the fact that we have yet to take a position on the divestiture bills. I recommend having Dean St. Dennis return Allen's call, acknowledge that the AG met with Weyerich and received a copy of his book, but that the AG has not yet had an opportunity to read the essays in the book and therefore cannot comment on its substance. If pressed Dean could say he does not know what "greeted with great receptivity" means (I certainly don't), but that the AG obviously expressed neither approval nor disapproval of the ideas in the book when he met with Weyerich, since he of course had not read the book. The AG's own pronouncements in the area speak for themselves, and do not include all that has been reported to be in Weyerich's book.