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The letter below was recently sent to the entire board by a founding partner of a major Atlanta environmental law firm.

All –

As you know, the proposed new Bylaw has generated considerable controversy. Although much of the discussion is little more than the rancor typical of modern debate, I do want to remind you of some serious deficiencies in the proposal irrespective of the merits, or lack thereof, behind the initiative.

There's been a side discussion going on among a bunch of lawyers (yes, I am one) and the new bylaw is at least an incomprehensible mess of cross-references, incorporated documents, and vague allusions to obscure sources. I know a lot of people read some nefarious motives into the proposal, but whether that's true or not the draft makes it impossible for anyone to know exactly what is, or is not, a bylaw, what information can be, or cannot be disclosed, and what grounds exist for disqualification, among a host of other drafting deficiencies. I've had the misfortune of litigating numerous cases where the requirements of the underlying documents were hopelessly obscure, and this is as bad a case as I've ever seen. Really.

Hopefully you've seen the numerous inputs from attorneys to the ARRL Board pointing out that the proposal is an interpretation nightmare and I urge you to take those comments to heart.

If there are ulterior purposes behind this change, it needs to be killed; if there are not, it needs to be redrafted. Either way, it needs to be voted down.

Thank you for the tie and effort you put into representing the interests of amateur radio. It is greatly appreciated. And thanks for your consideration.

73 Skip K4EAK