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Re: Proposed Rule: Legal Expense Fund Regulation (RIN 3209-AA50)

I oppose OGE's proposed legal expense fund regulation as drafted. OGE should:
- remove the exception that makes compliance with the regulation optional;
- replace the proposed recusal requirement with a broader 5-year recusal requirement that prevents donors of cash gifts from influencing decisions, policies, or regulations affecting them or the industries in which they have substantial interests;
- remove the offensive example involving an accused sexual harasser; and
- place nonprofit charities (501(c)(3) organizations) on an equal footing with large law firms by allowing them to hire legal counsel for whistleblowers.

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"Do not be daunted by the enormity of the world's grief.
Do justly, now.
Love mercy, now.
Walk humbly, now.
You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.
~The Talmud

> *Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; ensure justice for those being crushed. ~Proverbs 31:8*
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> *Defend the poor and orphaned. Do justice to the afflicted and needy. Deliver the poor and needy. Free them from the hand of the wicked. ~Psalms 82:3-4*
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> *Being male is a matter of birth.*
> *Being a man is a matter of age.*
> *Being a gentleman is a matter of choice.*
> ~Under the Table (book), *Stephanie Evanovich*