

In the Indiana Supreme Court

Cause No. 23S-MS-10



Order Amending the Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys

Under the authority vested in this Court to provide by rule for the procedures employed in all courts of this state and this Court's inherent authority to supervise the administration of all courts in this state, the Indiana Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys are hereby **AMENDED** as follows (deletions shown by **striking** and new text shown by **underlining**):

Rules for Admission to the Bar and the Discipline of Attorneys

Rule 2. Registration and Fees

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(m) Deposit and Use of Funds.

- (1) *Deposit of Funds.* All funds collected under this rule ~~shall be~~ are deposited in an account to be maintained by the Office of Judicial Administration and designated "Attorney Services-Annual Fees."
- (2) *Use of Funds.* ~~The Indiana Supreme Court shall periodically apportion the registration fees collected pursuant to this rule for the operation of the Indiana Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission, the Indiana Office of Admissions and Continuing Education, and the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Committee. Funds from this account may be used for the operation of the Office of Judicial and Attorney Regulation, the Office of Admissions and Continuing Education, the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program, and such efforts to benefit and improve the practice of law, the legal profession, or the delivery of legal services as the Court may approve.~~

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Rule 23. Disciplinary Commission and Proceedings

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Section 6. Composition of Supreme Court Disciplinary Commission

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(b) *Composition.* The Disciplinary Commission ~~shall~~ consists of nine ~~(9)~~ members appointed by the Supreme Court of Indiana, seven ~~(7)~~ of whom ~~shall~~ must be admitted to the Bar of the Supreme Court and two ~~(2)~~ of whom ~~shall be lay persons~~ must be citizens, not admitted to the practice of law. Those who are not members of the Bar must take and subscribe to an oath of office ~~which shall to~~ be filed and maintained by the Supreme Court Clerk. A reasonable effort ~~shall~~ must be made to provide diversity in membership, including, but not limited to, race, gender, practice area, and geographical representation of the State. Members serve a five-year term that begins on July 1 of the year of appointment. A member appointed to fill the vacancy of an unexpired term serves until the end of the unexpired term. ~~The term of each member shall be for five (5) years. Provided, however, upon the effective date of this Rule, two (2) members shall be appointed for a term of two (2) years, two (2) members for a term of three (3) years, two (2) members for a term of four (4) years and one (1) member for a term of five (5) years. The initial term of the two additional members authorized by the amendment of this subsection effective February 1, 1996, shall be for two (2) and four (4) years, respectively. Thereafter, the terms of each appointee shall be for five (5) years, or in the case of an appointee to fill the vacancy of an unexpired term, until the end of the unexpired term.~~ Any member may be ~~removed~~ terminated by the Supreme Court for good cause.

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Rule 29. Mandatory Continuing Legal Education

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Section 4. Commission for Continuing Legal Education

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(d) *Terms of Commissioners.* Commissioners serve a five-year term that begins on July 1 of the year of appointment. Commissioners shall be appointed for five (5) year terms. All terms shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31. Any Commissioner who has served for all or part of two ~~(2)~~ consecutive terms ~~shall~~ may not be reappointed to the Commission for at least three ~~(3)~~ consecutive years.

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Rule 31. Judges and Lawyers Assistance Program

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Section 3. Committee Members

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(b) ~~Members serve a three-year term that begins on July 1 of the year of appointment. A member appointed to fill the vacancy of an unexpired term serves until the end of the unexpired term. Members shall be appointed for three-year terms. All terms shall commence on January 1 and end on December 31.~~ Any member who has served three (3) consecutive terms, exclusive of filling out an unexpired term, ~~shall~~ may not be reappointed to the Committee for at least three (3) consecutive years. ~~Any vacancy on the Committee shall be filled as soon as practicable and the new member so appointed shall serve the unexpired term of the member being replaced.~~ Any member may be removed by the Supreme Court for ~~a~~ good cause.

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The terms of **current** Commissioners on the Commission for Continuing Legal Education and **current** members of the Judges and Lawyers Assistance Committee are hereby **EXTENDED** to terminate on the June 30 following the December 31 on which they would have expired under the prior version of the rule.

This amendment is effective July 1, 2023.
Done at Indianapolis, Indiana, on 6/28/2023.



Loretta H. Rush
Chief Justice of Indiana

All Justices concur.