

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

IN THE MATTER OF THE STANDING
COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ETHICS
AND ELECTION PRACTICES

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CLERK OF SUPREME COURT
BY 
CHIEF DEPUTY CLERK

ORDER AMENDING PART VIII OF SUPREME COURT RULES

WHEREAS, this court previously amended Part VIII of Supreme Court Rules, and limited the function of the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics to rendering advisory opinions on hypothetical questions regarding the Nevada Code of Judicial Conduct; and

WHEREAS, in light of this change, non-attorney members are no longer utilized in the process; and

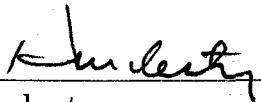
WHEREAS, this court has concluded that further amendment to the Rules is warranted in order to clarify the composition of the Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics; accordingly,

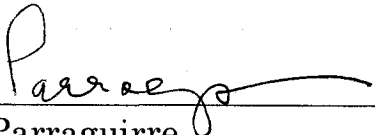
IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that Part VIII of the Supreme Court Rules shall be amended and shall read as set forth in Exhibit A; and

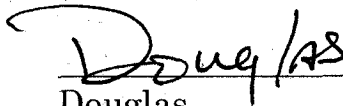
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments shall be effective 30 days from the date of this order. The clerk of this court shall cause a notice of entry of this order to be published in the official publication of the State Bar of Nevada. Publication of this order shall be accomplished by the clerk disseminating copies of this order to all subscribers of the advance sheets of the Nevada Reports and all persons and agencies listed in NRS 2.345, and to the executive director of the State Bar of Nevada. The certificate of the clerk of this court as to the


accomplishment of the above-described publication of notice of entry and dissemination of this order shall be conclusive evidence of the adoption and publication of the foregoing rule amendments.


It is so ORDERED.



Hardesty, C.J.

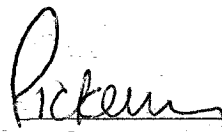

Parraguirre, J.


Douglas, J.


Cherry, J.


Saitta, J.


Gibbons, J.


Pickering, J.

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Clark County Bar Association
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First Judicial District Bar Association
Administrative Office of the Courts

EXHIBIT A

AMENDMENT TO PART VIII OF SUPREME COURT RULES

PART VIII. RULES GOVERNING THE STANDING COMMITTEE ON JUDICIAL ETHICS

Rule 1. Creation and organization of the committee.

1. Creation and purpose. The Standing Committee on Judicial Ethics is hereby created to provide judges and aspirants to judicial office advisory opinions regarding ethical matters that may arise in the ordinary course of judicial service, or in the elective or appointment process.

2. Organization of the committee. The committee shall consist of ~~[thirty]~~ eighteen members. Twelve shall be attorneys, ~~[twelve shall be non-attorneys,]~~ and six shall be judges designated to serve on the ethics advisory committee as provided in Rule 5.

The Board of Governors of the State Bar shall appoint the attorney ~~[members, and the Governor may appoint the non-attorney members. If the Governor declines to appoint, then the Board of Governors of the State Bar and the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline shall each appoint six of the non-attorney]~~ members. The supreme court shall appoint three district judges and three judges serving either as municipal court judges or justices of the peace.

~~[When appointing the non-attorney members, consideration shall be given to each appointee's experience in the areas of advertising and public relations, journalism, regulatory bodies, politics and political campaigns, and also to the appointee's other qualifications and experience as will ensure that diverse points of view are represented on the committee.]~~

(a) Terms. Appointments or reappointments are for a two-year term of office. The initial membership shall have staggered terms. No member shall be appointed to more than four consecutive full terms.

(b) Removal. Committee members are not subject to removal by their appointing authority during their terms of office, except for cause. Cause includes unexcused failures to attend scheduled meetings, the number of which the committee shall set in an attendance policy.

3. Officers of the committee. There shall be a chair and vice-chair. The Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline shall appoint the chair and vice-chair from the attorney members of the committee for two-year terms.

4. Executive director of the committee. The executive director of the Nevada Commission on Judicial Discipline shall act as the executive director of the committee.

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