

1 **IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA**

2 In the matter of Amendments to SCR 73 }
3 regarding an attorney's oath upon }
4 admission to the bar }

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8 **PETITION**

9 The Board of Governors of the State Bar of Nevada (State Bar) hereby
10 petitions this court to amend SCR 73 regarding an attorney's oath upon admission
11 to the bar.

12 The State Bar's Civility Taskforce was created with a four-fold mission of
13 addressing civility in Nevada's legal community by: (1) creating a consensus on
14 the concept of civility in Nevada; (2) generating standards of practice that embody
15 this concept; (3) proposing appropriate changes to the rules and laws to formalize
16 these standards; and (4) promoting standards of civility in Nevada through
17 continued legal education seminars and other forms of outreach. The Civility
18 Taskforce met with stakeholders and reviewed initiatives by other state bar
19 associations such as Arizona and New Mexico to address civility in those
20 jurisdictions. The Civility Taskforce agreed that amending the attorney's oath was
21 a first step to effectuating change by making newly admitted attorneys more
22 mindful of their obligations to conduct themselves in a civil manner. The
23 amendment to SCR 73 is also in line with the Civility Taskforce's mission to
24 propose "appropriate changes to the rules and laws to formalize these standards."
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1 The proposal would amend SCR 73. Attorney's oath, to read:

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3 Upon being admitted, each applicant shall take and subscribe to the following oath:

4 I DO SOLEMNLY SWEAR, OR AFFIRM, THAT:

5 I will support the Constitution and government of the United States and of the State of Nevada;

6 I will maintain the respect due to courts of justice and judicial officers;

7 I will support, abide by and follow the Rules of Professional Conduct as are now or may hereafter be adopted by the Supreme Court; ~~and~~

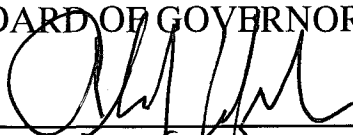
8 I will conduct myself in a civil and professional manner, whether dealing
9 with clients, opposing parties and counsel, judicial officers or the general public,
10 and will promote the administration of justice; and

11 I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of an attorney at law to the best of my knowledge and ability.

12 The proposed rule, as amended, is attached hereto in its entirety as Exhibit A.

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14 Respectfully submitted this 31 day of January 2014.

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EXHIBIT A

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Rule 73. Attorney's oath.

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I will conduct myself in a civil and professional manner, whether dealing with clients, opposing parties and counsel, judicial officers or the general public, and will be mindful of my role in ensuring the administration of justice; and

I will faithfully and honestly discharge the duties of an attorney at law to the best of my knowledge and ability.