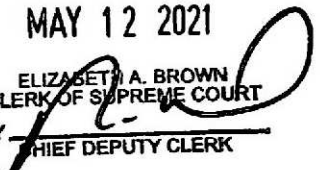


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EXHIBIT A

**AMENDMENT TO SUPREME COURT RULES PART III(J),
RULES 222, 223, 225, 226, 227, and 228**

**J. STANDING COMMITTEE ON ETHICS AND
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY**

Rule 222. Purpose. Recognizing the need to prevent harm to the public from the unethical practice of law and recognizing the need to provide a clear and timely understanding of the ethics of practicing law; and further acting under its inherent power to regulate the practice of law, this court establishes the Standing Committee on Ethics and Professional Responsibility for the purpose of making available advisory opinions on the ethical considerations of the practice of law.

Rule 223. Creation and organization of the committee.

1. The membership of the committee shall consist of not less than seven and not more than ten members, appointed or reappointed by the board of governors for a 2-year term of office. No member may be reappointed for more than a lifetime total of 12 years. At the discretion of the board, one of the members may be a lay person who is not admitted to the bar of this state or any other state.

2. The officers of the committee shall be the chair and vice-chair appointed or reappointed by the board of governors every 2 years.

Rule 225. Advisory opinions.

1. The Board of Governors shall establish procedures for the formal publication of advisory opinions, including but not limited to procedures for soliciting and responding to public comment at least 30 days prior to publication.

2. Prior to or upon filing, the court has the authority to review the opinion and to consider any objections to it.

3. All opinions issued by the committee express only the judgment of the committee and are advisory only. Each formal opinion shall include the following statement:

This opinion is issued by the standing committee on ethics and professional responsibility of the State Bar of Nevada, pursuant to S.C.R. 225. It is advisory only. It is not binding upon the courts, the State Bar of Nevada, its board of governors, any persons or tribunals charged with regulatory responsibilities, or any member of the state bar.

4. The committee shall not act on requests for opinions when any of the following circumstances exist:

(a) There is a pending state bar complaint, investigation, proceeding, or litigation concerning the subject of the request.

(b) The request constitutes a complaint against a member of the state bar.

(c) The request involves procedures employed by the bar in processing complaints against members of the state bar.

(d) The request involves activities, the propriety of which depends principally on a question of law unrelated to legal ethics.

(e) Where it is known that the request involves the propriety of sanctions within the purview of the courts, such as contempt.

(f) The committee has by majority vote determined that it would be inadvisable to respond to the request and has specified in writing its reasoning to the person who requested the opinion. A copy of the committee's response shall be sent to the executive director of the state bar.

5. At any time after a request for an opinion has been assigned for drafting, but before actual publication, if any of the circumstances enumerated in sections 4(a) through (f) of this rule arise, the committee shall decline to act further on the request and no opinion shall be published. In such event, the committee shall follow the procedure set forth in section 4(f) of this rule.

6. All formal advisory opinions shall be numbered and maintained on file at the state bar office and shall be available to any member of the bench or bar upon request. A reasonable charge to defray the costs of reproduction of such opinions and postage may be fixed by the board of governors.

7. The committee shall maintain in confidence: (a) the identity of the formal advisory opinion requester; and (b) committee work product created prior to public comment or publication.

Rule 226. Immunity. The board of governors, members of the committee and all staff persons assisting them shall have absolute immunity from civil liability for all acts undertaken in the course of their official duties pursuant to these rules.