

# SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

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## ORDER

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Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Rule XIX, §8 of the Rules of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX, §8.C, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **Section 8. Periodic Assessment of Lawyers**

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**C. Registration Statement.** Each lawyer required by this rule to pay an annual fee shall, on or before July 1<sup>st</sup> of each year, file with the Louisiana State Bar Association a registration statement on a form approved by the Court. The lawyer shall include an office and residence address on the registration statement, and shall designate either his/her office or residence address as a primary registration statement address. The other address shall be designated as the lawyer's secondary address. The lawyer's primary registration statement address, and the secondary registration statement address, shall each be a physical address and not a post office box. A lawyer may choose either the primary or secondary registration statement address as his/her preferred mailing address, or may designate a third address for this purpose. Service of disciplinary

process pursuant to these rules may be made at the lawyer's primary registration statement address. Service or proof of attempted service at the lawyer's primary registration statement address shall constitute adequate notice for purposes of these disciplinary rules.

Each lawyer shall also include an office email address on the registration statement, unless he or she does not have one.

Each lawyer shall thereafter file with the Louisiana State Bar Association any change ~~in the information previously submitted of~~ physical or office email address within thirty days of the change. Attorneys admitted to practice in the spring shall receive notice for filing the registration statement before July 1<sup>st</sup> of the year of admission. Attorneys admitted to practice in the fall shall receive notice for filing the registration statement before July 1<sup>st</sup> of their first full calendar year of admission.

The registration process mandated by these rules shall include provisions for the identification of all trust or escrow account information as required by Section 7(i), or certification that the lawyer does not maintain a trust or escrow account because of the nature of the lawyer's practice. If there has been no change in the trust account information previously identified, the lawyer shall certify that such information remains correct. Where a change has occurred in the trust or escrow account information previously submitted, the lawyer shall disclose that fact and submit the required trust or escrow account information on the approved form located in Appendix F of these rules. Each lawyer shall file with the Louisiana Bar Foundation and Louisiana

Attorney Disciplinary Board any change or addition to trust or escrow account information within thirty (30) days of the change or addition.

These rule changes shall become effective upon signing, and shall remain in full force and effect thereafter, until amended or changed through future Orders of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2010.

FOR THE COURT:

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Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice