

# **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 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Rules 4.2 and 5.4 of the Rules of Professional Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Rule 4.2 of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

### **RULE 4.2. COMMUNICATION WITH PERSON REPRESENTED BY COUNSEL**

Unless the lawyer has the consent of the other lawyer or is authorized to do so by law or a court order, a lawyer in representing a client shall not communicate about the subject of the representation with:

- (a) a person the lawyer knows to be represented by another lawyer in the matter; or
- (b) a person the lawyer knows is presently a director, officer, employee, member, shareholder or other constituent of a represented organization and
  - (1) who supervises, directs or regularly consults with the organization's lawyer concerning the matter;

- (2) who has the authority to obligate the organization with respect to the matter; or
- (3) whose act or omission in connection with the matter may be imputed to the organization for purposes of civil or criminal liability.

Rule 5.4(a)(5) of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

**RULE 5.4. PROFESSIONAL INDEPENDENCE OF A LAWYER**

- (a) A lawyer or law firm shall not share legal fees with a nonlawyer, except that:

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- (5) a lawyer may share legal fees as otherwise provided in Rule 7.2(c)(13).

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2011.

FOR THE COURT:

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Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice