

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

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 the Rules for Lawyer Disciplinary Enforcement,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Part 1. Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX, Section 24G, be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 24. Reinstatement and Readmission

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G. Hearing; Report. Upon receipt of the disciplinary counsel's request for a hearing, or if the chair of the adjudicative committee, acting pursuant to paragraph H below, determines that a hearing is necessary, the board shall promptly refer the matter to a hearing committee. Within sixty days of the request, the hearing committee shall conduct a hearing at which the lawyer shall have the burden of demonstrating by clear and convincing evidence that he or she has met each of the criteria in paragraph E or, if not, that there is good and sufficient reason why the lawyer should nevertheless be reinstated or readmitted. The hearing committee shall file its report with the board containing its findings of fact and recommendations. The respondent and disciplinary counsel may file objections to the report within twenty days from the date of notification by the board that the report has been filed. If no objection to the hearing committee report is filed by the disciplinary counsel

or the respondent, the record in the matter shall be submitted directly to the court for review and determination.

This rule change 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 April, 2012.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice