

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 the Court, and considering the need to amend Supreme Court Rule XXXIX,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Section 4F(3) of Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXXIX be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

(3) The hearing will be limited to the following issues: (i) whether or not the individual failed to file a financial statement; (ii) whether or not the individual failed to disclose or accurately disclose the required information; and (iii) whether the failure was willful and knowing.

For purposes of Rule XXXIX, “willful and knowing” means conduct involving bad faith, dishonest motive or a purposeful choice not to file the financial disclosure statement in order to obtain some personal or professional gain (including, but not limited to, a desire not to disclose one’s personal assets to the public, or the desire not to take the time, trouble and effort to complete the form with the knowledge that it is required to be filed by a certain date).

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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 the Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana, this _____ day of January, 2012.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice