

**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 recommendations of the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX is hereby amended as follows:

1. The final sentence of Section 24(B) is hereby deleted in its entirety and amended to read as follows:

Part I of the application, containing general personal, employment and legal information about the lawyer, is public record, while Part II of the application, containing Social Security number, financial, federal and state tax and medical information about the lawyer, shall remain confidential and placed under seal by the board administrator.

2. Rule 11 be and is hereby added to Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XIX, Appendix A to read as follows:

**APPENDIX A. PROCEDURAL RULES  
FOR DISCIPLINARY BOARD**

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**Rule 11. Recusal of Hearing Committee and Board Members**

Pursuant to Sections 2(F) and 3(F) of Rule XIX, a hearing committee member or an adjudicative committee member

shall recuse him or herself in any matter in which a judge, similarly situated, would be required to recuse. A party seeking to recuse a hearing committee member or an adjudicative committee member shall file a written motion with the disciplinary board stating the grounds for recusation.

**1) Recusal of Hearing Committee Members.** Motions

to recuse hearing committee members shall be filed within ten (10) days of service of the first notice of the hearing committee members assigned to the matter. The chairperson of the adjudicative committee shall decide the motion. The chairperson of the adjudicative committee may rule on the motion or, in his discretion, refer the motion to a hearing committee chairperson for a hearing and recommendation. If a hearing is ordered, the chairperson of the adjudicative committee shall review the recommendation of the hearing committee chairperson and issue a ruling.

**2) Recusal of Adjudicative Committee Members.**

Motions to recuse adjudicative committee members shall be filed within ten (10) days of service of notice of oral argument. The chairperson of the adjudicative committee shall decide the motion. The chairperson of the adjudicative committee may hold a hearing in his discretion. If the chairperson of the adjudicative committee is the subject of the motion, the board administrator shall assign the motion to another lawyer member of the adjudicative committee.

3) **Untimely Motions.** If a motion to recuse is not timely filed, untimeliness shall be a factor in deciding whether the motion should be granted.

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 September, 2014.

FOR THE COURT:

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Bernette Joshua Johnson, Chief Justice