

Proposed Louisiana Rule 1.19

- (a) Lawyers should prepare written, detailed succession plans specifying what steps must be taken in the event of their death or disability from practicing law.
- (b) As part of any succession plan, a lawyer may arrange for one or more successor lawyers or law firms to assume responsibility for the interests of the lawyer's clients in the event of death or disability from practicing law. Such designation may set out a fee sharing arrangement with the successor. Nothing in this rule or the lawyer's designation shall prevent the client from seeking and retaining a different lawyer or law firm than the successor, and the client must be advised of that option. The lawyer to be designated must consent to the designation.
- (c) A registry shall be maintained by the Louisiana State Bar Association. Each lawyer shall designate any successor lawyer on the lawyer's annual registration statement.