

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1, 5 and 25 of the Louisiana Constitution of 1974, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend the Rules of this Court concerning the Judiciary Commission,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Rule XXIII, Section 23(a) of the Rules of this Court be and is hereby amended to read as follows:

Section 23.

(a) All documents filed with, and evidence and proceedings before the judiciary commission are confidential. The commission may provide documents, evidence and information from proceedings to the Louisiana Attorney Disciplinary Board in appropriate cases when approved by this court. In such cases, the confidentiality provisions of La. S. Ct. Rule XIX, Section 16A shall be maintained. The record filed by the commission with this court and proceedings before this court are not confidential.

In the event a judge who has received notice of an anticipated judiciary commission filing in accordance with Rule XV of the rules of the judiciary commission, moves in advance of the filing to place any or all of the anticipated judiciary commission filing under seal, the judiciary commission shall file under seal its recommendations, findings of fact and conclusions of law, the transcript of the proceedings, and exhibits. The filing shall remain under seal until such time as the court has acted upon the judge's motion.

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 _____, 2004.

FOR THE COURT:

Justice Catherine D. Kimball