

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 Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

Rule 1.8(e)(5)(ii), first sentence, Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct, be and is hereby amended to read:

(ii) Financial assistance provided by a lawyer to a client may be made using a lawyer's line of credit or loans obtained from financial institutions in which the lawyer has no ownership, control and/or security interest; provided, however, that this prohibition shall not apply to any federally insured bank, savings and loan association, savings bank, or credit union where the lawyer's ownership, control and/or security interest is less than 15%.

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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 Order of this Court.

New Orleans, Louisiana _____ day of _____, 2006

FOR THE COURT:

Pascal F. Calogero, Jr., Chief Justice