

SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

ORDER

Acting in accordance with Article V, Sections 1 and 5 of the 1974 Louisiana Constitution, and the inherent power of this Court, and considering the need to amend Rule 1.15 of the Rules of Professional Conduct,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

Rule 1.15(f) of the Louisiana Rules of Professional Conduct be and is hereby amended to add the following sentences:

Rule 1.15. Safekeeping Property

(f) Every check, draft, electronic transfer, or other withdrawal instrument or authorization from a client trust account shall be personally signed by a lawyer or, in the case of electronic, telephone, or wire transfer, from a client trust account, directed by a lawyer or, in the case of a law firm, one or more lawyers authorized by the law firm. A lawyer shall not use any debit card or automated teller machine card to withdraw funds from a client trust account. On client trust accounts, cash withdrawals and checks made payable to “Cash” are prohibited.

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, this _____ day of January, 2010.

FOR THE COURT:

Catherine D. Kimball, Chief Justice