

# SUPREME COURT OF LOUISIANA

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## ORDER

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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 Rule XVIII and Rule XXX of the Rules of this Court,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 3(B) is hereby amended as follows:

**Section 3. Application for Transfer to Inactive Status or Emeritus Status.**

(B) Emeritus Status. A lawyer in good standing who no longer desires to engage in the full time active practice of law may apply to transfer to emeritus status if, at the time of application, the lawyer: (i) is otherwise eligible to actively practice law in Louisiana; (ii) is fifty years of age or older; and (iii) has actively practiced law in Louisiana for a minimum of ten years. A lawyer applying for such a transfer shall advise the Louisiana State Bar Association in writing that the lawyer desires to assume emeritus status and discontinue the active practice of law. Upon the filing of the notice, the Louisiana State Bar Association shall inform the Court and the lawyer shall no longer be eligible to practice law except to the extent that the lawyer may: (i) engage in the pro bono practice of law without compensation through a program established, sponsored, or recognized by the Louisiana State Bar Association's Access to Justice Program; (ii) participate in any mentoring program established by the Louisiana State Bar Association; (iii) engage in the uncompensated representation of immediate family members, as defined in La. R.S. 42:1102; (iv) serve on committees of the Louisiana State Bar Association; and (v) serve on receivership team panels, as defined in Rule XIX, § 27. The duty to maintain a client trust account is not changed by transfer to emeritus status. A lawyer on emeritus status and who otherwise would be obligated to pay them shall pay fifty percent of the annual bar association dues imposed upon active practitioners and shall pay fifty percent of the annual disciplinary fee required of lawyers admitted to practice three years or more pursuant to Rule XIX, § 8. A lawyer on emeritus status shall be removed from the roll of those classified as active until and unless the lawyer requests and is granted reinstatement to the active rolls.

2. Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XXX, Rule 2(9) is hereby added as follows:

**RULE 2. SCOPE AND EXEMPTIONS**

These Rules shall apply to every attorney licensed to practice law (hereafter "Member"), except for the following persons who shall be exempt from the requirements of these Rules:

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(9) All Members who are on emeritus status under Louisiana Supreme Court Rule XVIII, Section 3(B).

This Rule change shall become effective January 1, 2026, 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 June, 2025

FOR THE COURT:

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John L. Weimer, Chief Justice