

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
April 11, 2018

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 26(e), Rule 27(j), and Rule 30(b), Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with Appendices A, B, and C, respectively, to this order;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments are effective immediately;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 26, Rule 27, and Rule 30:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 26(e), Rule 27(j), and Rule 30(b), Ala. R. Disc. P., effective April 11, 2018, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from ___ So. 3d."

Stuart, C.J., and Bolin, Parker, Shaw, Main, Wise, Bryan, Sellers, and Mendheim, JJ., concur.

Witness my hand this 11th day of April, 2018.



Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

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APPENDIX A

Rule 26(e), Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Procedure

(e) Publication of Notice. The Disciplinary Board or Disciplinary Commission shall cause a notice of the surrender of license, disbarment, or suspension to be published in the official Bar publication and in a newspaper of general circulation in each judicial circuit of the State of Alabama in which the disciplined lawyer or the lawyer who has surrendered his or her license maintained an office for the practice of law. A notice of a lawyer's transfer to disability inactive status shall be published in the same manner. However, the notice shall indicate only that the lawyer has been transferred to inactive status.

APPENDIX B

Rule 27(j), Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Procedure

(j) Confidentiality of Rule 27 Proceedings. All pleadings and orders arising from a Rule 27 proceeding shall be confidential and shall not be publicly available. Publication pursuant to Rule 26(e) and Rule 33(a) of a lawyer's transfer to Rule 27 inactive status shall not identify the reason for the lawyer's transfer and shall state only that the lawyer has been transferred to inactive status.

APPENDIX C

Rule 30(b), Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Procedure

(b) Proceedings That Are Not Confidential. Proceedings that are not confidential include petitions for reinstatement pursuant to Rule 28, proceedings for interim suspension and summary suspension pursuant to Rule 20, a character and fitness appeal pursuant to Rule V of the Rules Governing Admission to the Alabama State Bar, and all matters relating to a surrender of license or to public probation.

There shall be no confidentiality in a particular proceeding if the respondent lawyer makes the matter public or requests that it be made public.