

## Rules of Procedure for the Alabama Court of the Judiciary

### Rule 26.

#### Selection and appointment of alternate judges.

In the event of the disqualification or inability of a member of the Alabama Court of the Judiciary to serve, then his replacement shall be selected from alternates. The Supreme Court of Alabama shall select an alternate judge of an appellate court; the Circuit Judges' Association shall select an Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 from the circuit judges of the state; and the governing body of the Alabama State Bar shall select an Alternate 1 and Alternate 2 from the membership of the State Bar.

Whenever any judge of the Alabama Court of the Judiciary is disqualified or otherwise unable to serve on a case then he shall notify the Chief Judge and the Secretary of the Court. The Chief Judge shall appoint the first alternate circuit judge or the first alternate bar member to replace the regular circuit judge or bar member who is disqualified or unable to serve. In the event that the first alternate is disqualified or unable to serve, then the Chief Judge shall appoint the second alternate. In the event the Chief Judge is disqualified or unable to serve, then the Secretary will appoint his alternate to take the place of the Chief Judge.

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**Note from the reporter of decisions:** The order adopting the Rules of Procedure for the Alabama Court of the Judiciary was issued on March 11, 1974. Two subsequent orders adopting Rule 26 and amending Rule 2 were issued on March 12, 1974, and on March 15, 1976, respectively. Apparently, these orders were never published.