

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF ALABAMA
OCTOBER 29, 2014

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Rule 4(a)(1), Rule 4.2(a)(1), and Rule 4.2(a)(4), Alabama Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, be amended to read in accordance with Appendices A, B, and C, respectively;

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that these amendments are effective immediately;

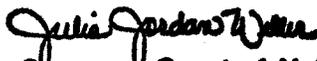
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the following note from the reporter of decisions be added to follow Rule 4 and Rule 4.2:

"Note from the reporter of decisions: The order amending Rule 4(a)(1), Rule 4.2(a)(1), and Rule 4.2(a)(4), effective October 29, 2014, is published in that volume of Alabama Reporter that contains Alabama cases from ___ So. 3d."

Moore, C.J., and Stuart, Bolin, Parker, Murdock, Shaw, Main, Wise, and Bryan, JJ., concur.

I, Julia Jordan Weller, as Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the instrument(s) herewith set out as same appear(s) of record in said Court.

Witness my hand this 29th day of October, 2014


Clerk, Supreme Court of Alabama

APPENDIX A

Rule 4(a)(1)

(1) The Board of Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar shall appoint three panels of five members each, each panel to be known as "The Disciplinary Board of the Alabama State Bar" (hereinafter referred to as a "Disciplinary Board"). Each panel shall be composed of three persons who are Bar commissioners, one layperson, and the Disciplinary Hearing Officer appointed pursuant to Rule 4.2 of these Rules. As used in these Rules, the term "Disciplinary Board" shall refer to that panel involved in a particular disciplinary proceeding, and the term "layperson" shall mean an adult resident citizen of the State of Alabama who is not now, and who never has been, a lawyer. Those Bar commissioners appointed to the Disciplinary Board shall be appointed for terms of three years, except when appointed to fill an unexpired term, and they cannot serve more than two consecutive full terms. Layperson members shall be appointed for terms of two years and may serve unlimited successive terms. Any member appointed to a Disciplinary Board shall be required to attend a three-hour training session conducted by the Office of General Counsel of the Alabama State Bar at Alabama State Bar Headquarters. Members who are lawyers will receive CLE credit for attending the training session.

APPENDIX B

Rule 4.2(a)(1)

(1) Appointment and Qualifications. The Board of Bar Commissioners of the Alabama State Bar shall appoint a pool of three (3) qualified lawyers to serve as Disciplinary Hearing Officers. Those appointed shall have been members in good standing of the Alabama State Bar for a period of twelve (12) years and shall have had no prior discipline imposed by the Alabama State Bar or by any other jurisdiction in which they have been admitted to practice law. Appointments shall be made from a list compiled by the Executive Secretary of the Alabama State Bar from nominations received from the Executive Council of the Alabama State Bar. The names of those appointed shall be placed on a list maintained by the Disciplinary Clerk of the Alabama State Bar.

APPENDIX C

Rule 4.2(a)(4)

(4) Terms. Disciplinary Hearing Officers shall be appointed for terms of two years, except when appointed to fill an unexpired term, and they cannot serve more than two full consecutive terms.