

STATE OF VERMONT
VERMONT SUPREME COURT
OCTOBER TERM, 2023

Order Promulgating Amendment to Rule 14.A of Administrative Order No. 9, Permanent Rules Governing Establishment and Operation of the Professional Responsibility Program

Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, § 30, it is hereby ordered:

1. That Rule 14.A be amended as follows (new matter underlined):

Rule 14. Hearing Panels

A. **Appointment and Membership.** The Chair of the Board appoints standing hearing panels as required. Each hearing panel consists of two members of the bar of this state and one public member. The Chair of the Board appoints a lawyer-member of each hearing panel to serve as chair of the panel. Terms are for two years, and no member may serve for more than three consecutive full or partial terms, except that a member may serve to the conclusion of any matter assigned to the member's panel before the expiration of the member's term. Members of the Board may not serve simultaneously as members of a hearing panel.

Reporter's Notes—2024 Amendment

On occasion, a disciplinary or disability matter remains pending past the expiration of a panel member's term. The amendment to Rule 14.A makes clear that, in that situation, the member may continue to serve on the panel until the conclusion of the matter.

2. That this administrative order, as amended, is prescribed and promulgated effective January 1, 2024. The Reporter's Notes are advisory.
3. That the Chief Justice is authorized to report these amendments to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of 12 V.S.A. § 1, as amended.

Dated in Chambers at Montpelier, Vermont, this 10th day of October, 2023.

Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice

Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice

Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice

William D. Cohen, Associate Justice

Nancy J. Waples, Associate Justice



Signed by the Vermont Supreme Court