



**PERMANENT RULES GOVERNING ESTABLISHMENT AND OPERATION OF THE
PROFESSIONAL RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM**

It is hereby ordered:

1. That Rule 1(C) of Administrative Order 9 be amended to read as follows (new matter underlined, deleted matter overstruck):

I. Structure and Scope

Rule 1. The Professional Responsibility Board

Responsibility for, and overall supervision of, the program shall be vested in the Professional Responsibility Board (hereafter "Board").

A. Appointment and Membership. The Board shall consist of seven members appointed by the Supreme Court of Vermont (hereafter "Court"). The membership of the Board shall be comprised of three members of the bar of this state, three public members, and one judge or retired judge of this state. The Court shall annually appoint one of the members of the Board to serve as chair, and one of the members to serve as vice-chair.

B. Quorum. Five members shall constitute a quorum, and the Board shall act only with the concurrence of a majority of those present.

C. Terms. ~~Initial appointments shall be for staggered terms—three members for three years, two members for two years, and two members for one year. Thereafter appointments shall be for a three year term. No member shall serve for more than three consecutive terms or parts thereof. Vacancies shall be filled by the Court.~~

(1) The Board's seven members shall be appointed for staggered terms of five years each. Terms begin on September 1 and end on August 31 of the fifth year. Appointments shall be made so that one board member term begins each calendar year in a seven year appointment cycle.

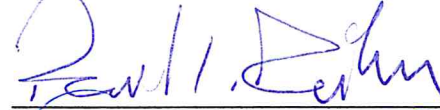
(2) A person may be appointed to serve the remainder of an unexpired term and then to no more than two consecutive five year terms.

(3) The Court may modify the terms of board members who are serving when the rule becomes effective and thereafter appoint new members so that their terms conform to part (1) of this rule.

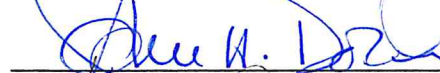
2. That these amendments shall become effective on March 11, 2016.

Done in chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 11th day of January, 2016.

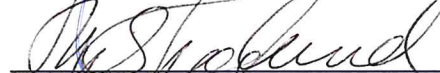
BY THE COURT:



Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



John A. Dooley, Associate Justice



Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Beth Robinson, Associate Justice



Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice