

STATE OF VERMONT
SUPREME COURT
MAY TERM

Order Amending Administrative Order No. 9

1. Pursuant to the Vermont Constitution, Chapter II, §§ 30, 37, Rule 1 of Administrative Order No. 9, is amended as follows (deleted matter struck through; new matter underlined):

PERMANENT RULES GOVERNING ESTABLISHMENT
AND OPERATION OF THE PROFESSIONAL
RESPONSIBILITY PROGRAM

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”).

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E. **Powers and Duties.** The Board shall oversee the program, and implement, coordinate, and periodically review its policies and goals. Its powers and duties shall include the following:

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(3) Inform the public about the existence and operation of the program and the disposition of each matter in which public discipline has been imposed, a lawyer has been transferred to or from disability inactive status, or a lawyer has been reinstated or readmitted, including the findings of fact and conclusions of law upon which the public discipline is based;

(4) Continually review the operation and effectiveness of the Rules of Professional Responsibility and recommend to the Supreme Court amendment to those rules or other appropriate actions which it finds advisable. Pursuant to A.O. 11, the Board must provide the proper notice and opportunity to comment on proposals to amend the rules. Any individual having proposals for amendment to the Rules of Professional Conduct or other proposals for change related to attorney discipline is requested to forward it in writing to the chair or a member of the Board for consideration.

Reporter’s Notes—2017 Amendment

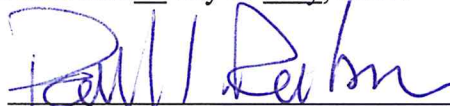
Paragraph (4) is added to Rule 1(E) to make clear that the Board has the responsibility to review the Rules of Professional Conduct and to make proposals to the Court to amend those rules. The amendment reiterates the obligation under Administrative

Order 11 to provide the proper notice and opportunity to comment on amendment proposals and notifies individuals that requests for changes should be directed to the Board.

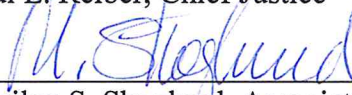
2. That this order, as amended, will become effective on July 10, 2017. The Reporter's Notes are advisory.

3. That the Chief Justice is authorized to report this amendment to the General Assembly in accordance with the provisions of 12 V.S.A. §1, as amended.

Done in chambers at Montpelier, Vermont this 8th day of May, 2017.



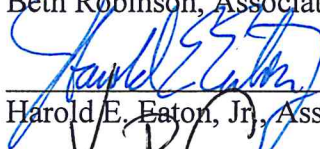
Paul L. Reiber, Chief Justice



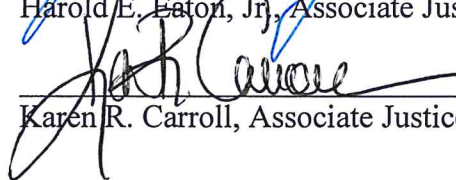
Marilyn S. Skoglund, Associate Justice



Beth Robinson, Associate Justice



Harold E. Eaton, Jr., Associate Justice



Karen R. Carroll, Associate Justice